

REMARKS

The office action of January 12, 2006, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1-4 and 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Pfeiffer in view of the patent to Havens et al.

It is further noted that claims 5-7 and 12-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims, applicant has canceled claims 2-5 and 9-12, and amended claims 1 and 8.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 5, and has amended claim 8 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 12. With these changes it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 8, as well as the claims that depend therefrom are in condition for allowance.



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In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-4 and 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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